IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

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Pending in Congress for final action before adjournment is a measure which will have a vital bearing on highway-building progress in North Carolina. It is the bill to authorize Federal-aid funds for the fiscal years 1940 and 1941, in keeping with the established policy of making such authorizations two years in advance so that state legislatures may shape state road-programs to match Federal funds.

The measure which passed the House provided $125,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1940 and 1941 for Federal-aid on main highways, but the Senate cut the total for the former year to $75,000,000 and the amount for the latter year to $115,000,000. Under the $125,000,000 total, North Carolina would be apportioned $2,904,000 on January 1, 1939, and under the Senate amount would receive $1,742,000. However, in either event it is estimated that on the above date the state will also have to its credit $1,200,000 of unabsorbed Federal-aid funds.

Senate cuts in funds for farm-to-market or secondary roads, and for grade crossing elimination are even more drastic. But it is anticipated that a large share of the $425,000,000 of the "pump-priming" funds earmarked for roads will be used on secondary and local roads.

Conferences between Senate and House road leaders will be held within the next few days to adjust the differences in the pending bills. The Senate bill was drafted in keeping with the President's appeal for curtailment of road funds and to avoid a Presidential veto should the amounts in the House bill prevail.

Regardless of the final amounts accepted, there seems tobe a determination in Congress to preserve the Federal-aid principle, which has given the country a system of main roads connecting at state borders. Expenditures for this purpose have undoubtedly done much to further highway transportation and encourage car use. This has, in turn, stimulated sales of automobiles and provided large-scale employment.

The carry-overs in unabsorbed Federal-aid funds is one reason for the Senate reduction of Federal-aid authorizations for the fiscal years, 1940 and 1941. These carry-overs have resulted in part from the expenditure of large amounts of Federal funds in the states without any requirement that they be matched. W. P. A. expenditures in North Carolina have alone been in excess of $36,000,000, of which around $7,000,000 or roughly nineteen per cent was spent on highways, roads and streets.

Obviously, with road maintenance costs now one of the heaviest items in state budgets, Federal-aid funds for highways make possible much new construction, as the money must be used for this purpose. None of it goes for maintenance. One of the finest jobs being done in the Federal Government today is that of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and North Carolina has always cooperated in this program. The state has set a precedent for centralized road control and it is certain to mean lower road costs and efficiency in administration. Continuance of Federal-aid will, of course, be helpful in furthering road progress.

FIELD DAY AT BUNN BAPTIST CHURCH

At eleven o'clock Sunday, May 29, a special service will be held at Bunn Baptist Church for the Bunn field.

This is the first such service since Rev. Hartsell came on the field. An over-flow crowd is expected since members of Ransdall's Chapel and Rock Springs are expected to be at this meeting.

The subject for this meeting is Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Miss Lassiter, of Louisburg will aid in the services.

Another meeting this week of interest are the music schools with Miss Shearon as directress. The first class in music will meet at Bunn Thursday at 8:00, while the second class will meet at Rock Springs Baptist Church, Friday at 8:00 P. M.

These music classes is for the benefit of the whole community and many are expected to attend.

Wife—My husband's just been taken to the hospital with a broken head.

Friend—Don't cry. The doctors can fix a broken head easily enough.

Wife—Yes, but boo-hoo, boo-hoo! They can't fix that priceless vase I hit him with.

Doctor — Your husband will never be able to work again.

Fanny—Ah'll go in and tell him. It will suttinly cheer him up.

FROM INGLESIDE

The Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Williams, of Fayetteville, were here to attend the District Conference in Louisburg Friday. A former beloved pastor on the Tar River Circuit, his many friends who had that pleasure, were glad to see him and Mrs. Williams. During his brief stay, Mr. Williams visited a number of homes in the community, mostly among the sick and those recently bereaved.

Mrs. J. L. Spencer visited the family of her brother near Louisburg a few days this week.

No damage is reported from hail which fell here during the rain and electrical storm Friday afternoon of last week. Electric lights on this line were out of commission for several hours.

The Raleigh District Conference, which was in session in Louisburg on Friday, May 20th, elected Mrs. J. Y. Beasley a delegate to the Annual Conference that convenss in Elizabeth City, Nov. the 17th. Mrs. T. C. Gill was elected alternate.

As announced in the quarterly bulletin the Young People of Plank Chapel will have charge of the service at Trinity Church the second Sunday in June. The service will be at 3:30 in the afternoon.

George Finch, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Finch, suffered a painful injury a few days ago to his right hand and arm while operating a washing machine. He is recovering from the accident in which he sustained lacerations and bruises requiring medical attention.

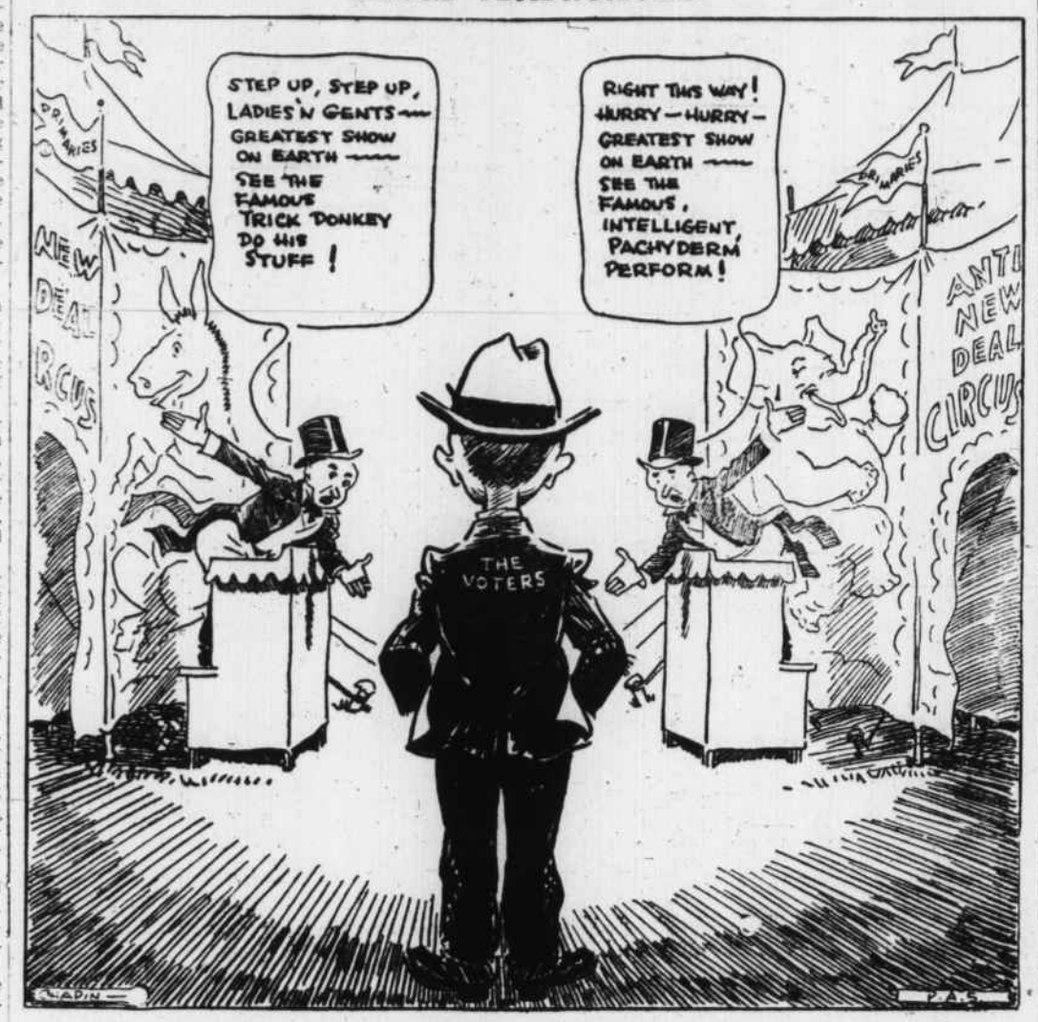
Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Beasley and children have returned from a short visit with two of Mrs. Beasley's sisters living near Lumberton.

A good, refreshing, seasonable rain fell in this part of the county Monday night.

A Desoto car, in which two young men from Durham were riding, was badly wrecked here at 11 o'clock on Wednesday night of last week at the "fatal point"—J. B. Beasley's yard—noted for the miraculous escapes from injury to any one in the four serious happenings there. As in every other instance, the car was proceeding from Warrenton at high speed, failed to make the curve in entering the main highway, snapped an oak post, went through the wire fence into Beasley's yard and turned over twice. The men appeared to be a little confused but turned up without a scratch. They gave their names as Collins and White, of Durham. There was no evidence of drinking or whiskey—only speeding. Under present conditions, we expect them to continue to happen, and can only hope that those to follow may likewise escape serious injury.

Another wreck occurred within a few feet of the same spot at 3 o'clock on Monday morning. At an estimated speed of 75 or 80 miles a car occupied by two men apparently not familliar with that dangerous curve, crossed Highway 59 broke through a barbed wire fence and came to a stop without turning over just as it reached the yard fence of J. B. Beasley. The men, whose names were not learned here, having remained only a few minutes, pulled out and left before nearby residents could get to the scene of four wrecks in which no serious injuries were sustained by the fourteen persons involved. Seeing evidences of the wreck of last week in Beasley's yard, one of the men was heard to say: "Look, some other damn fools has been in here."

Rival Attractions



SCOUTS GO CAMPING

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 69 Louisburg, located at Edward Best, spent last week in camp at Mr. C. T. Dean's private fish pond. There were thirteen present, with Phil R. Inscoe, Scoutmaster, in charge. The following passed a part of the second class Scout Test: Tremaine Harris, P. L., Clifford Dean, P. L., Baxter Harris, Wilson Stallings, Warren Stallings, Grattie Dean, Marion Wheless.

After supper had been finished a number of stunts and games were carried on in the light of a large camp fire near the water's edge. The camp was disbanded Sunday A. M. after planning another camp for June.

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The minister knew the right time to act:

Minister—Am dere anybody in de congregation what wishes prayer for dere failings?

Brother Jones—Yassuh! Ah's a spendthrift, and Ah throws mah money 'round reckless like.

Minister—Very well. We will join in prayer for Brother Jones—jes' after de collection plate has been passed.

PIGS FOR SALE

Twelve registered Duroc Jersey pigs, 8 weeks old for sale.

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